



**NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC STAFF  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

May 1, 2023

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. W-218, Sub 573 – Application by Aqua North Carolina, Inc. for Authority to Adjust and Increase Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service in All Service Areas of North Carolina and Approval of a Three-Year Water and Sewer Investment Plan

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to Paragraph II.D. of the Partial Settlement Agreement and Stipulation filed in this docket on March 31, 2023, Aqua North Carolina, Inc. (Aqua or Company), and the Public Staff agreed that regulatory commission expense, also known as rate case expense, would be updated by Aqua in a filing within ten business days after the settlement proceeding, and that the Public Staff would have the right to investigate said expense and to file a response within five business days. On April 24, 2023, Aqua filed an update to its rate case expense. On the same date, Aqua provided the Public Staff with supporting documentation for the update.

The Public Staff has reviewed the update to Aqua's rate case expense and the supporting documentation provided by the Company. Based on its review, the Public Staff has determined that the updated rate case expense is supported by the documentation provided by Aqua and is appropriate for recovery by the Company.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding a copy to all parties of record by electronic delivery.

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